

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor, transmitted through Mr. E. R. McLean, his private secretary:

Executive Office,
Austin, Texas, April 17, 1897.

To the House of Representatives:

House bill No. 653 is herewith returned without approval. It is an act to prohibit the taking of fish from the waters of Carter lake, Clinton lake, Caddo lake and their tributaries, in the counties of Harrison and Marion, and Green lake and its tributaries, in the counties of Calhoun and Victoria, except by means of the ordinary hook and line or trout line, and to prohibit the sale and shipping of game fish in said counties. Obviously, the act is a local or special law, which is permitted to be enacted by section 56, article 3, of the Constitution, but no notice whatever was given of the intention to apply for its passage, as is required by the succeeding section. While the act seems expedient and necessary, it can not be approved or allowed to become a law without a plain violation of the Constitution.

C. A. CULBERSON.